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SUBJ: UAE RELATIONS WITH PDRY

1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI APRIL 19 I ASKED HIS VIEWS ABOUT MOVES ON PART OF IAE AND NEIGHBORING STATES TOWARD RAP-PROCHEMENT WITH PDRY.

2. SUWAIDI INDICATED HE BELIEVED MATTERS WERE GENERALLY MOVING IN POSITIVE DIRECTION. ANY UAE MOVES WITH RESPECT TO PDRY WOULD BE COORDINATED BEFOREHAND WITH SAUDIS, AND UAEG HAD AGREED TO LET SAUDIS TAKE LEAD IN MANAGING DIPLOMATIC EFFORT THERE. SUWAIDI SAID THAT DURING PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER'S LAS SVISIT HERE UAEG HAD INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSIS-TANCE "TO BUILD SCHOOLS AND HIRE EGYPTIAN TEACHERS." BUT THIS WOULD BE EXTENDED ONLY WHEN SAUDIS GAVE GREEN LIGHT.

3. I ASKED WHETHER HE HAD ANY INDICATION OF HOW OMANIS WERE REACTING TO THESE MOVES WITH PDRY. HE SAID SAUDIS HAD INDI-CATED THEY WERE KEEPING SULTAN INFORMED OF THEIR MOVES. SUWAIDI
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CONFIRMED PRESS REPORT THAT SHAIKH ZAYED WOULD PROBABLY VISIT

MUSCAT SHORTLY IN RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM QABUS, BUT
PRECISE DATES HAD NOT BEEN FIXED.

4. SUWAIDI QUERIED ME IN TURN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF RESUMPTION
US-PDRY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, SAYING HE HAD HEARD THERE WAS
"UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN SAUDIS AND OURSELVES THAT THIS WOULD
FOLLOW SOON AFTER ESTABLISHMENT SAUDI-PDRY RELATIONS.
I REPLIED I HAD NO RECENT INFORMATION ON SUBJECT BUT WOULD INQUIRE
AND PASS ON ANY INFORMATION WE COULD. HE SAID HE WOULD
APPRECIATE THIS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: FOR OUR OWN BACKGROUND, IF NOT NECESSARILY
FOR TRANSMITTAL IN TOTALITY TO SUWAIDI (ALTHOUGH I WOULD LIKE TO BE
AS RESPONSIVE AS WE CAN WITH HIM) I WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON
CURRENT STATUS OF CONTACTS WITH PDRY EITHER DIRECT OR THROUGH
THIRD PARTIES, AND DEPT'S ASSESSMENT AS TO FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR
US-PDRY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
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